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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID FROM
PRESIDENT CARTER

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO HIS HIGHNESS SHAIKH ZAYID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
2. QUOTE: YOUR HIGHNESS: I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I VALUE THE RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP. WE ARE WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANT AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT IS PLAYING IN CRITICAL INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF ENERGY AND FINANCE JUST AS WE APPRECIATE YOUR HIGHNESS' DEDICATION TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE GULF AREA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN THE WAKE OF SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO THE AREA, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR RESUMING THE PEACE-MAKING PROCESS. WE ARE IMPRESSED BY THE CLEAR DETERMINATION OF ALL PARTIES TO MAKE A SERIOUS
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EFFORT FOR PEACE. THERE IS A CONSENSUS THAT ALL CONCERNED SHOULD WORK TOWARD RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1977. A STRONG MOTIVATING FACTOR TOWARD RESUMING THE PEACE PROCESS IS THE CRUSHING ECONOMIC BURDEN

OF MAINTAINING MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS AND GENERAL AWARENESS OF THE HUMAN AND MATERIAL COSTS OF ANOTHER WAR.

I WANT TO ASSURE YOU OF MY DEDICATION TO THE GOAL OF ACHIEVING A GENUINE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. TO THIS END I HAVE MET WITH ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND INTEND TO MEET WITH OTHER MIDDLE EAST LEADERS INVOLVED IN THE PEACE PROCESS OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. IN MY MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN WE DISCUSSED SOME OF THE KEY ISSUES INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS--THE TERRITORIAL ISSUES, THE COMPONENTS OF PEACE AND THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION IN ITS SEVERAL ASPECTS--AND HOW THE PROBLEMS IN GETTING TO GENEVA CAN BE RESOLVED. IN THE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WITH OTHER MIDDLE EAST LEADERS WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND BRIDGE THE GAPS THAT WE RECOGNIZE EXIST BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED. OUR MOST IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS TO OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES WHICH STAND IN THE WAY OF RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE LATER THIS YEAR.

YOUR HIGHNESS, IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL FLOURISH DURING MY ADMINISTRATION AND THAT THE ALREADY SUBSTANTIAL MUTUAL INTERESTS BINDING OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND.

MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND TO YOU AND YOUR COUNTRYMEN MY BEST WISHES FOR HEALTH AND PROSPERITY. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE.

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